

# THE BALLINCOLLIG PARISHIONER



St. Mary & St. John  
Station Road

Sunday 12-October-2008

Twenty Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

*Emigrant Sunday*

*God promised his people a future of great blessings where death and mourning would be no more. Christ came to issue God's final invitation to this future. Some rejected it, others accepted it but then made light of it. What have we done with our invitation?*



Christ Our Light  
Innishmore

## *Two Banquets*

Isaiah uses the image of a rich banquet on God's holy mountain to describe the fulfilment of God's promise of a salvation of joy and everlasting happiness where every tear will be wiped away and death will be no more. This intensely human image of fulfilment and joy has come down to us from about 500 BC. All are invited to the banquet of rich food and fine wines, where death will be destroyed forever, every tear wiped away and shame taken away throughout the earth, where God's people will exult and know that they are saved.

Today's Gospel reading also speaks of a banquet, a wedding feast representing the kingdom of God. But in this third parable of rejection in Matthew's Gospel, those invited refused to come. Some were busy, preoccupied with farm and business, others were hostile. The messengers were then sent to the crossroads to invite whoever they met to come to the wedding feast, an open invitation to all. And not all of those who came were welcome. The guest who did not wear a wedding garment represents those who pay lip service to the Christian life but are not in practice prepared to take it seriously.

We too may at times refuse to pay attention to God's invitation. We may be busy, or we may have bought into value systems or lifestyles at variance with the Christian ideal and may not want to hear the message. The reasons for refusing the faith and refusing to try to live up to it are similar.

Even now God's promise is before us in our day to day life. St Paul tells us that God will meet our needs as lavishly as only God can, and today's Psalm reminds us that if we take the Lord as our shepherd, then goodness and kindness will follow us all the days of our life. The banquet is at the end of time, but the invitation is now and the response is now. This week we pray that we will say yes to God's invitation, that we will say yes to God's promise, that we will say yes to God's love. We will try to bring that invitation to the world around us, even at the risk of rejection. We will try to give witness to our own faith by our lifestyle and by our joy in the Lord..

Billy O'Sullivan

## *Reflection for Parents*

Sometimes our children drag their feet and say they don't want to go someplace where they've been invited. Many times we whisper to ourselves, "If only she would get there, she would have a great time." And sometimes she does get there and, sure enough, she does have a great time. If we're honest with ourselves, we may find that the same is true when we have gone reluctantly to an event that turned out to be quite a pleasure. Wouldn't those who received the original invitation to the wedding feast have enjoyed a splendid party! The words of today's gospel caution us not to miss out on a great celebration. We need to say "yes" to God's invitation.

## PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

### **Priest**

Let us make our petitions to the Lord, confident that they will be heard.

### **Reader**

We pray for the Church, that its leaders may lead the faithful in the proclamation of the gospel.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for all those who have left this land.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the families in our parish who have loved ones far from home.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for peace, especially for people in those countries who have lived under the shadow of violence for a long time.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the lonely and those who feel cut off from society.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

We pray for the dead, that they may be brought to eternal life through the power of Christ.

**Lord, Hear us,**

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

### **Priest**

God of infinite mercy, look kindly on the petitions we place before you this day. We make these, and all our prayers, through Christ, your beloved son.

Amen.

*In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.*

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**BAPTISMS**

**WE WELCOME TO OUR COMMUNITY ALL THOSE WHO WERE BAPTISED RECENTLY :**

Roisin Catherine O'Connor, College Road.  
 Ryan Patrick O'Connell, Willows, Classes Lake.  
 Aaron Daniel Lawrence, Carriganarra.  
 Ilona Charline Loury, Leslies Arch, Old Quarter.  
 Toby John O'Leary, Killnaglory.  
 Lauren Noelle O'Sullivan, The Oaks Classes Lake.  
 Stephen John Mitchell, Willowgrove.  
 Dylan Andrew Keane, Old Court, Greenfields.  
 Zoe Connie O'Mahony-O'Connor, Castle Park.  
 Adam James McGuirk, An Caislean View.  
 Adam Michael O'Sullivan, Old Court, Greenfields.  
 Fionn Liam Corrado Johnson, Church View.  
 Ciara Ann O'Brien, Rosewood.  
 Abbey Marie Mooney, Beech Park.  
 Emily Faye Brown, Beech Park.  
 Elena Jane Twohig, Elm Lawn.

**MARRIAGES**

**CONGRATULATIONS TO:**

Timmy Keohane, Dungarvan & Moira Burke, West Cliffe.

† IN SYMPATHY †

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF THE RECENTLY DECEASED :**

Neil O'Leary, Beech Road.  
 Jim O'Connell, Dripsey.  
 Maureen Twomey, Inniscarra Bar.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF THE FOLLOWING WHOSE ANNIVERSARY OCCURS:**

Gerard Murphy, Westcliffe.  
 Maire & Fionbarra O'Murchu, Ballingearry & Douglas.  
 James Dillon, Sunday's Well.  
 Sheila & Tim Coakley, Castlehaven.  
 Phil Doyle, Togher.  
 Richard Murphy, Clash.  
 Katherine Foley, Carriganarra.  
 Patrick & Nora Riordan, Ballingearry.  
 Bernadette Creed, Ballyhooly.  
 Mary O'Sullivan, Glenleigh.  
 Frances O'Donovan, Blackrock.  
 Mary McNicholas, Model Farm Road.  
 Tomas McNamara, Powdermills.  
 Hannah O'Sullivan, Rosewood & Carriganarra.  
 Mary O'Sullivan, Carriganarra.  
 Michael Ring Castle Park & Dungoumey .  
 Eileen Riordan, Old Blackrock Rd.  
 Mary Green Dwyer, Cranford Pines.  
 Joan O'Keffee, Bantry.  
 Denis J Callanan, Innishmore Court.  
 John Forde, Curraheen.  
 Nellie O'Leary, Kilmichael .  
 Nancy Hogan, The Crescent.  
 Eileen Lucey, Station Road.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

**Twenty Eighth Week In Ordinary Time**

12 Sunday Is. 25:6-10. Phil. 4: 12-14, 19-20. Mt. 22: 1.14. Lect I: 711  
 13 Monday Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1. Ps 112. Lk 11:29-32. Lect II: 814  
 14 Tuesday Gal 5:1-6. Ps 118. Lk 11:37-41. Lect II: 816  
 15 Wednesday Gal. 5:18-25. Ps. 1. Lk. 11 :42-46. Lect II: 817  
 16 Thursday Eph 1:1-10. Ps 97. Lk 11:47-54. Lect II: 819  
 17 Friday Eph 1:11-14. Ps 32. Lk 12:1-7. Lect II: 822  
 18 Saturday 2 Tim 4:10-17. Ps 144. Lk 10:1-9. Lect II: 1233

**Next Sunday's Readings 19-October-2008**  
 Is. 45: 1,4-6. Ps. 95. 1 Thess. 1: 1-5. Mt. 282: 16-20. Lect I: 551

**Catechesis**

In his homily last weekend, Pope Benedict XVI said: "We all sense how necessary it is to place the Word of God at the centre of our life... from the family to school, to culture, to work, to free time and to other sectors of society and of our life."  
 Great words but how can we make it a reality?  
 Come and listen to a catechesis to see that it is possible to put the Word at the centre of our lives and to experience Him.

Sundays and Wednesdays at 8 pm in St Mark's Centre, Innishmore, Ballincollig  
 (Opposite Christ Our Light Church)  
 Starting Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> of October.  
 Need babysitting or transport? Call (086) 8982478

*Do not be afraid! It is I!*  
 Neocatechumenal Way.

**Common Ground Exposition 2008**

Promoting Human Deveopment. Come and hear Fr. Peter McVerry SJ, Liz O'Donnell, Patrick Nalere (Uganda) and others speak on issues of Development at 3rd Common Ground Exposition, Silver Springs Convention Centre, 16 October, 7.30 p.m. Hosted by Bóthár. Admission is free and all are welcome.  
 Enquiries: Sinead Harrington 021-4292990  
 or sinead@hopefoundation.ie

Common Ground is a joint venture between the various community and development groups in Cork that seeks to promote their work in support of human development here at home and right across the globe. The exhibition has attracted large numbers of school groups in recent years and the Forum on Development on Wednesday 16th October offers a unique opportunity for adults interested in justice and development to learn from prominent personalities in the field.

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**THE SUNDAY READINGS**

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10  
The prophet Isaiah presents a vision of a feast prepared for us by the Lord.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20  
St Paul tells us confidently that anything is possible for him because his strength comes from God.

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14  
Matthew dealt harshly with the wedding guests who made excuses for not attending the king's son's wedding. Not only did they refuse the invitation, but they beat the servant who went in search of them. The king knew that there would be those who appreciated the banquet and sent more servants out to the crossroads to find anyone willing to come. Matthew ended his Gospel with what was probably a separate parable. Someone dressed inappropriately was removed from the banquet. Most likely, Matthew intended his listeners to respond appropriately to God's invitation.

**Hospital Play Service  
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**A New Creation**

**The Promise of New Life in the Writing of Paul and John**

In this year of St. Paul and the biblical synod in Rome this event offers an opportunity to explore this central **teaching of the Christian faith found in Paul and John**. Speakers: **Rev. Dr. Tom Brodie OP**, and **Ms. Gillian Kingston**. Tom Brodie is an international biblical scholar and director of the Dominican Biblical Institute, Limerick. Gillian Kingston is a Local Preacher in the Methodist Church who has served as President of the Irish Council of Churches. All welcome. No previous experience of theology is required.

Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> 9:30 am – 2:30 pm.

Rochestown Park Hotel. Douglas

Cost: €20 paid-up members, €25 non members, includes tea/coffee break and sandwich lunch.

For details and bookings: [www.corktheologyforum.org](http://www.corktheologyforum.org), [corktheologyforum@gmail.com](mailto:corktheologyforum@gmail.com)

John Scanlan 4316812, Anne Francis 087-2282134 Derek Johnston 4353865

**Cork Mended Hearts**

The Annual Mass will take place on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October in C.U.H at 7.30 pm.

Celebrant Fr. James Good.

All are welcome.

**Bulletin Board**

**Baptism Preparation.**

The next Baptism preparation will take place on **Saturday October 18<sup>th</sup> in the Annexe Room, Community Hall, Station Road at 1 pm**. The presentation lasts for approximately forty minutes. The following questions are addressed, what is Baptism? What are the symbols used in the Sacrament of Baptism? How can the family become involved in the ceremony? We recommend parents book baptisms a few weeks in advance in order to give ample time to take part in the preparation.

**Mass Envelope Collection**

Missions Sunday

Next weekend 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> October 2008

**Parish Office**

The Parish Office is situated in the Parochial House, next-door to St Mary & St John's church. Office hours are Monday to Wednesday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm and Saturday mornings from 10:30 am to 12 noon. Available at the office are Baptism and Confirmation Certificates. Bookings for Baptisms and appointments with the priests are made.

Mass Cards are available and signed. Parishioners are welcome to call or phone 021-4871206.

**Communion dates for 2009**

Scoil Eoin,	Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> May.
Scoil Barra,	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May.
Our Lady of Good Counsel,	Saturday, 16 <sup>th</sup> May.
Scoil Mhuire,	Saturday, 6 <sup>th</sup> June.
Gaelscoil Ui Riordáin	Saturday, 9 <sup>th</sup> May.

**Catholic Paper**

Copies of the Catholic Paper -**The Universe** - are available in both Churches every week.

**This Week's Calendar**

**Monday 13** – Weekday (28th Week in Ordinary Time)

**Tuesday 14** – St Callistus I, pope and martyr. After a life of slavery and imprisonment for criminal offences, Callistus was freed and became a deacon in charge of the catacombs that bear his name. He became Pope in 217, opposed by Hippolytus. He died at the hands of a mob in 222.

**Wednesday 15** – St Teresa of Avila, virgin and doctor of the Church. Teresa, 1515-1582, deeply contemplative, highly active and practical, established Carmelite convents under a reformed rule, and wrote much on prayer and the spiritual life. She is patron of lace-makers and headache sufferers.

**Thursday 16** – Weekday

**Friday 17** – St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr. Ignatius, bishop of Antioch, died a martyr at Rome about 107. He urged Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop.

**Saturday 18** – St Luke, Evangelist. Luke, the author of the Third Gospel, is represented in art by an ox. He is patron of butchers, book-binders, doctors and surgeons, artists and glass-workers.

**Fr. George**

**National Rosary Crusade**

The Holy Rosary will be recited on Monday October 13<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady's Grotto, Curaheen at 9 pm

All very welcome

**MINISTERS OF THE WORD**

Oct-18 & Oct-19-2008

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6:00 pm (Vigil)**  
Sandra Walsh  
**8:30 am**  
Pat Fennell  
**10:00 am**  
Hannah Bunyan  
Stephen Bunyan  
**12:00 Noon**  
John Dorgan  
Fergal Monahan

**7:30 pm (Vigil)**  
Fiona Feely  
**11:00 am**  
Cormac Manning  
Marie Ni Niada  
**12:30 pm**  
Cathy Naughton  
Una Lynch  
**5:30 pm**  
Siobhan Keane-Hopcraft

**MASS TIMES**

**St. Mary & St. John**

**Christ Our Light**

8:30 am, 10 am & 12 noon	<b>Sunday</b>	11 am, 12:30 pm & 5:30 pm
9:30 am	<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Tuesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am
9:30 am	<b>Friday</b>	8:30 am
10:00 am & 6 pm (Vigil)	<b>Saturday</b>	7:30 pm (Vigil)

**CONFESSIONS**

After 10:00 am Mass & before 6:00 pm Mass      **Saturday**

**BAPTISMS**

4:30 pm	<b>Saturday</b>	4:30 pm
Except First Saturday of Month		First Saturday of Month
12:45 pm	<b>Sunday</b>	

**PARISH CLERGY**

**Priest on Duty      087-2479140**

<b>Fr. George O'Mahony P.P.</b>	<b>021-4871206</b>
<b>Fr. Michael O'Mahony C.C.</b>	<b>021-4877161</b>
<b>Fr. Billy O'Sullivan C.C.</b>	<b>021-4876171</b>
<b>Fr. James McSweeney</b>	<b>021-4870434</b>



**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST**

Oct-18 & Oct-19-2008

**St. Mary & St. John      Christ Our Light**

**6.00 pm** Patsie Murphy  
Marie Bohan  
Mary Walsh  
Marie Healy  
Margaret Kearney  
Nora Barry

**8:30 am** Theresa Lucey  
Rita Murphy  
Mona Holland

**10:00 am** Tadgh Murphy  
Mary Murphy  
Joan Tobin  
Tony O'Leary  
Phil Kennedy  
Seamus O'Shea

**12 Noon** Michael Crowley  
Breda Lenihan  
Noel Hennessey  
Jacinta Jeffers  
Rena O'Connor  
Sean Farrell

**7:30 pm** Sheila O'Connor  
John Canty  
Brid Healy-Harris

**11:00 am** Carmel Ryan  
Angela Cunningham  
Laurence Cunningham  
Eileen Byrne

**12:30 pm** Eileen Garvey  
Sally Power  
Breda Callanan  
Catherine Freehill  
Attracta McKiernan

**5:30 pm** Phil O'Connell  
Maire McCullagh  
Olan O'Mahony



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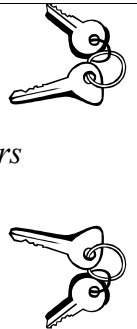
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